

He was able to attend the BYU on a basketball scholarship. He made the freshmen team and was high scorer of the undefeated team.

In June of 1956, VaLoy married his high school girlfriend. She had been studentbody president in Uintah High School the year before he filled that position. While she had waited for him to finish high school, she had attended Utah State University studying Medical Technology. She was also a member of the R.O.T.C. sponsored drill team.

After marriage, VaLoy continued his education at BYU and his wife, Ellie, worked at First Security Bank in Provo, Utah. Then at Walker Bank for a total of seven years all together.

VaLoy lettered for three years on Stan Watts varsity basketball teams. Roy Thacker, of Daniel, near Heber, was on the same team. He was one year ahead of VaLoy in school.

VaLoy was chosen as most valuable senior on the basketball team in 1960 when he graduated.

During the years at BYU, he had majored in painting and drawing with a minor in physical education. He received a B.A. in painting and drawing. Ten years later, he returned to BYU to finish his master's degree in painting and design.

Right after VaLoy graduated in 1960, they packed their belongings and moved to California where he could enroll for further studies at the Los Angeles Art Center.

They were there about two weeks when he became "weary of Los Angeles and homesick for Utah and the familiar surroundings. He loved to paint scenes of the mountains of home. They returned home in a happy rush of packing and traveling.

Elinor, known all her life as Ellie, was born and raised in

Watkins King. She has one sister, Linda, who lives in Rifle, Colorado. Ellie attended Uinta High School and was studentbody president. She was a cheerleader and won an essay contest which enabled her to be one of the "young americans" traveling group which was sponsored by the Rebecas' and Oddfellows. They traveled to Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, New York, and Canada. This was quite a lovely experience.

Ellie studied at Utah State University the year she waited for VaLoy to graduate from high school. They were married the following June of 1956, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple.

Ellie was glad to be of help to her gifted husband, and encouraged him to continue in his work as an artist.

After they returned from California, VaLoy found employment teaching in the Brockbank Junior High School in Magna, Utah for two years. Then he taught art and coached several sports at Cyprus High School in Magna for eight years. He was head coach of golf and tennis. He also assisted in coaching basketball. VaLoy is very successful with his art students. Some of them are successful artists now.

While living in Kearns, Utah, not too far from his work in Magna, Ellie served as Relief Society President, Primary Pres. and Young Women's President in the MIA and she was Kearn's North Stake Drama Director before leaving that area. Their first four children were born in a Salt Lake hospital. VaLoy served on the Stake High Council while teaching at Cyprus.

VaLoy had been teaching school every day and painting his pictures at night all those years, and became frustrated. One day he came home and told Ellie they wasn't going to live in the subdivision in Kearn's anymore. He wanted to find a home in a quieter country town.

Kamas, Wallsburg, Heber, and Midway. They found the house they wanted at 695 North River Road, Midway. Both of them say they "feel blessed to be in this home." They say they have a very real feeling that they ARE home. The children are happy here too.

Kris is their first child. She was born in Salt Lake City, in May of 1963. She graduated from Wasatch High School in 1981. She has featured some of her paintings in her father's One Man Art Shows in the Salt Lake Gallery "The Stable". Kris is an avid fly fisherman. She is majoring in zoology at BYU. She just returned from 1 semester of schooling at the Hawaii BYU in that study. While there, she enjoyed scuba diving. While in Wasatch schools, she was a red ribbon rider, and belonged to the Waspettes. She enjoyed 4-H work, and she was one of the first Wasatch Drill Teams to go to the Nationals and win honors.

Alan was born in Salt Lake City in Sept. of 1965. He will be a senior at Wasatch High School this year (1983). He was all-state basketball player as a junior for Wasatch High School. He is looking forward to another fine year. He and his brother, David, run golf carts at the Wasatch State Park Golf Course, and are fine golfers themselves. Alan is interested in computers and electronics. He hopes to take up those studies in college.

David was born in Salt Lake City in May of 1967. He likes science and feels that he may go into the medical profession. He played basketball on the varsity last year as a sophomore and is practicing hard getting ready for this years games.

Dale was born in Salt Lake City in Oct. 1970. He will be in the 7th grade. He loves collecting books and other things. He wants to study law.

Nathan was born in Heber City

in Sept. 1976. He will be in the first grade at Midway Elementary School. He likes bicycles and basketball and swimming. He enjoys many friends. His very best friend is Ruth Buhler who lives across the road. She is a very nice woman with whom he can relate and feel at ease. She is like a grandma to him and they play checkers.

After coming to Midway, VaLoy and Ellie have continued to be active in the church and civic activities. VaLoy served two years as State Delegate for Wasatch County. He has been Bishop of Midway First Ward these past five years. Ellie has been active in the drama department of the ward. She wrote a musical play about Midway's early history. (Her great great grandmother was the man who built many of the beautiful old homes in Midway, Utah such as the home where Lethe C. Tatge lives.) The play was put on about six times and then one act was presented at the general June conference in Salt Lake City.

Ellie likes to write, and occasionally helps with road shows. Presently, she serves on the Midway Planning Board. She also serves as the cultural arts specialist in Midway First Ward and is the busy wife of a Bishop.

VaLoy has been involved in most of the major art shows in the west. He has shown his art work in Los Angeles, Houston, New York, Oklahoma City, Tucson, and Denver, and many other places. This last fall he had a one man retrospective show in the Springville Art Museum.

VaLoy and Ellie are busy and happy in their life here in the valley, and hopes to continue serving their family and many friends here.

P.S. VaLoy says he hopes others enjoy the family picture as much as he does. It is less formal than all the others they have.